Karnataka’s Swachha Gramodaya sees positive results

To ensure clean and open defecation free (ODF) villages as well as clean and safe drinking water to all households, the Government of Karnataka has embarked on a campaign titled Swachh Gramodaya.

The Minister for Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Mr. K.S. Eshwarppa recently inspected the progress of work in this regard, along with the Department officials.

Over the last year (2019-20) the campaign has supported the construction of 3,47,596 individual household toilets; 800 community sanitary complexes, 417 solid waste management units while as many as 8,67,000 individuals have benefitted from the 28 multi-village drinking water programmes.

To contribute to an ODF Karnataka, the State Government has provided support to own toilets; and built community toilets to ensure sustainable sanitation. In this all, it has held the ‘Swachhameva Jayate’ awareness campaign to constantly reinforce the message of safe sanitation practices for the health and well-being of the communities.

As far as waste management is concerned, it has adopted scientific methods to manage the same. Among them are – an initiative to build 1533 solid waste management units and to install 30 GOBAR-Dhan units across the districts. Further, the Karnataka State Rural Sanitation Policy, Strategy and Bye Laws-2020 are being implemented.

Under the Mane Manege Ganga initiative, 55 litres of water is being provided to everyone each day, as a part of the Jal Jeevan Mission. Also underway are the establishment of water purification plants to provide drinking water; while 77 laboratories are being set up to test the quality of drinking water.